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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Zimmer et al.

Application No.: 09/555,618

Group No.: 1742

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Examiner: Sikyin

For: MODIFICATION OF SURFACES TO INCREASE THE SURFACE TENSION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2002, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Abstract

Please amend the abstract as set forth in the attached Clean Version of Replacement Abstract for Entry During Prosecution of US Application No. 09/555,618 as well as a Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

In the claims

Please amend claims 3-6, 8-11, and 16-18. The amended claims are set forth in the attached Clean Version of Replacement Claims for Entry During Prosecution of US Application No. 09/555,618, as well as a Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

REMARKS

Claims 3-14 and 16-26 are pending in the application. Claims 3 and 4 are independent claims.

The Abstract has been objected to as being too short and not representing the invention in detail. The Abstract has been amended accordingly. Reconsideration of the objection in light of the amendment, leading to withdrawal of the objection is requested.

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